

SENATE BILL 265

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-111, relative to fines imposed for criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-111, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(f) In order to furnish the general assembly with information necessary to make an informed determination as to whether the increase in the cost of living has resulted in the minimum and maximum authorized fine ranges no longer being commensurate with the amount of fine deserved for the offense committed, every five (5) years, on or before January 15, the commissioner of finance and administration shall report to the chief clerks of the senate and house of representatives of the general assembly the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics and shall inform the general assembly what the statutory minimum and maximum authorized fine for each offense classification would be if adjusted to reflect the compounded cost-of-living increases during such five-year period.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.